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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Central African Republic (S/2005/679)

Other matters

Morning[1] . . . . . 5300th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning Iraq

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

10 a.m. . . . . 45th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba . . . . . [18]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/60/213)

(b) Draft resolution (A/60/L.9)

3 p.m. . . . . 46th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Report of the International Criminal Court : note by the Secretary-General (A/60/177) [81]

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Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 4

1. **Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/60/380, A/60/294, A/60/296, A/60/297, A/60/295 and A60/298)** [31]

   General debate

2. **Assistance in mine action** [27]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.4/60/L.7/Rev.1

Second and Third Committees

Joint informal event

International Year of Microcredit 2005: United Nations International Forum to Build Inclusive Financial Sectors

High-level panels

10–11 a.m. Conference Room 2

Panel V on "The future of access to finance"

11 a.m.–12 noon Conference Room 2

Panel VI on "Poor and low-income clients: Exploring their financial needs"

12 noon–1 p.m. Conference Room 2

Panel VII on "Africa: Growth and access to finance – The final frontier"

3–4.30 p.m. Conference Room 2

Panel VIII on "Migration: The changing landscape of banking"

4.30–6 p.m. Conference Room 2

Panel IX on "Can 'access to finance' be a policy objective?"

Statements by Member State delegations

Closing statement by Dr. Stanley Fischer (Governor, Bank of Israel, and Chair of the Advisors Group for the International Year of Microcredit)

[For more details: www.yearofmicrocredit.org/docs/Formatted_Agenda.pdf.]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 35th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [71]

(b) **Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms**

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/60/L.30, A/C.3/60/L.33 and A/C.3/60/L.40

(c) **Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives**

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/60/L.41, A/C.3/60L.45, A/C.3/60/L.46, A/C.3/60/L.48 and A/C.3/60/L.53

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/60/18) [69]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/60/283, A/60/440-S/2005/658 and A/C.3/60/4)

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/60/307 and A/60/440-S/2005/658)

3. Right of peoples to self-determination (A/60/263, A/60/268, A/60/319 and A/60/111) [70]

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 21st meeting Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 [124]

Joint Inspection Unit: Harmonization of the conditions of travel throughout the United Nations system (A/60/78 and A/60/78/Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 124 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: Joint Inspection Unit: Harmonization of the conditions of travel throughout the United Nations system (A/60/78 and A/60/78/Add.1)); and 130 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/60/34))

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 127 (Pattern of conferences (A/60/32, A/60/93, A/60/112, A/60/433 and A/C.5/60/9))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 21st meeting.

Sixth Committee

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 108 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly of September 2005, submitted by the President of the General Assembly

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 45 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 45 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS) will be held *today*, 8 November 2005, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda item 73 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and sub-items (a), (c), (d) and (e)

Informal consultations (closed) on draft proposals under agenda item 73, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held *today*, 8 November 2005, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6. A briefing will be given by Mr. Jan Egeland, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 75 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 75 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held *today*, 8 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction), will be held *today*, 8 November 2005, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind), will be held *today*, 8 November 2005, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Andrés Landerretche (Chile), on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States), will be held *today*, 8 November 2005, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Thomas Gass (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on the United Nations Environment Programe, under agenda item 52 (Sustainable Development) will be held *today*, 8 November 2005, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), on item 51 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development), will be held *today*, 8 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Xolisa Mabhongo (South Africa), on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (h) (Convention on Biological Diversity), will be held *today*, 8 November 2005, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development), will be held *today*, 8 November 2005, from 4 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Philippe Leglise-Costa (France), on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (f) (Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005), will be held *today*, 8 November 2005, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Tuesday, 8 November 2005

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on violence against women migrant workers (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child", under agenda item 67 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of the United Kingdom, on behalf of the European Union and Uruguay, on behalf of SLACC (some Latin American Countries)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the South-Asian earthquake disaster – Pakistan", under agenda item 73 (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Pakistan)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on corruption and its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United States)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Egypt)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Enhancing capacity-building in global public health", under agenda item 120 (convened by the delegation of China)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Remittances", under agenda item 54 (c) (convened by the delegation of Brazil, on behalf of a group of countries)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on family (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Qatar)

3–4.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on religious intolerance (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands, on behalf of the European Union)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Meeting of the co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the "Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms" , under agenda item 71 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 8 November 2005

JUSCANZ (Third Committee)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on remittances)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Group of 77 (briefing on operational activities for development; followed by the meeting of the core group)

11 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Group of 77 (core group on the eradication of poverty)

12.30–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Group of 77 (core group on renewable sources of energy)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (core group on desertification)

3–4.30 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (core group on South-South cooperation; followed by a meeting on natural disasters and vulnerability)

4.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Southern African Development Community (SADC) (Third Committee experts) (on the draft resolution on racism)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room F

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

Today, 8 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm

Tuesday, 8 November 2005

Room S-226

11 a.m. H.E. Mr. Elmi Ahmed Duale, Permanent Representative of Somalia; and Mr. Idd Beddel Mohamed, Deputy Permanent Representative of Somalia (on the situation in their country)

12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 75 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 75 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 9 and 10 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 75 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 75 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held on Friday, 11 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

2005 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The 2005 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Friday, 11 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Pledging Conference, in writing, to the Secretary of the Conference, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat (Ms. Maureen Otto (tel. 1 (212) 963-7855; or fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Main Committees

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Selwin Hart (Barbados), on the draft resolution on international trade and development, under agenda item 50 (a) (Macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development), will be held on Wednesday, 9 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction), will be held on Wednesday, 9 November 2005, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Gonzalo González (Dominican Republic), on the draft resolution entitled "The use of spirulina to combat hunger and malnutrition and help achieve sustainable", under agenda item 52 (Sustainable development), will be held on Thursday, 10 November 2005, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maureen Otto (tel. 1 (212) 963-7855; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

[*Note:* Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal "informal" consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail Maillard-Lejano@un.org).]

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion under all items allocated to the Third Committee is now open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/60/L.1/Rev.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list (Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates, and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Relevant information relating to the organization of work and the status of documentation is available on the Web site of the Third Committee at the following address: www.un.org/ga/60/third.

[*Note*: Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail Maillard-Lejano@un.org).]

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 22nd meeting on Wednesday, 9 November 2005, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting in Conference Room 5.

Sixth Committee

The 21st meeting of the Sixth Committee will be held on Wednesday, 9 November 2005, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for agenda item 153 (Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Nena Villena-Tanedo (tel. 1 (212) 963-5375); fax 1 (212) 963-1963; e-mail villena-tanedo@un.org)).

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 289th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Thursday, 10 November 2005, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on the protection of migrants (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 9 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Wednesday, 9 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child", under agenda item 67 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of the United Kingdom, on behalf of the European Union and Uruguay, on behalf of SLACC (some Latin American Countries)

Wednesday, 9 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 11 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Afghanistan (Parts A and B), under agenda items 17 and 73 (e) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Wednesday, 9 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Egypt)

Thursday, 10 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, under agenda item 73 (c) (convened by the delegations of Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine)

Thursday, 10 November 2005, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Denmark)

Friday, 11 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on human rights mainstreaming in the United Nations system (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of the Netherlands and Belgium)

Friday, 11 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Round table on "The impact of the 2005 World Summit on the social development"; and interactive discussion with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Bureau of the Commission for Social Development and non-governmental organizations (co-sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Permanent Missions of Bolivia, Monaco and South Africa)

Wednesday, 9 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Rooms 5 and 6.

[All are invited to attend.]

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters (exchange of views with officials from the World Bank)

Wednesday, 9 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Friends of the International Criminal Court (presentation of the draft 2006 budget of the Court)

Wednesday, 9 November 2005, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

International Criminal Court (meeting of the Bureau)

Friday, 11 November 2005, from 9.15 to 10.15 a.m. in Conference Room D.

United Nations Democracy Caucus (at the ambassadorial level) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mali)

Wednesday, 9 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

OLA/UNITAR Seminar on the Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

Wednesday and Thursday, 9 and 10 November 2005.

[For more information, please see the announcement under the header *Signatures, Ratifications, etc.* (p. 18).]

African Group (Third Committee experts)

Thursday, 10 November 2005, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Workshop on "Food security and gender: What is the link? What is at stake?" (organized by the UNU World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER))

Thursday, 10 November 2005, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[All are invited to attend. The programme and a registration form are available at www.ony.unu.edu/. For further information, please contact Ms. Jibecke Jonsson (tel. (212) 963-6387).]

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

Monday, 14 November 2005, from 3 to 6 p.m.;

Tuesday and Wednesday, 15 and 16 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and

Thursday, 17 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Laura Fachndrich (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

United Nations Development Programme (first briefing in the process of consultations with UNDP Member States on the *Human Development Report 2006*)

Thursday, 17 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[Interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Announcements

Preparations for the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (27 February–10 March 2006), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Enhanced participation of women in development: an enabling environment for achieving gender equality and the advancement of women, taking into account, inter alia, the fields of education, health and work; and (b) Equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and curricula vitae which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate on the theme. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org and/or selcuk@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than Wednesday, 7 December 2005.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 3 November 2005, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 7 November 2005

Security Council

5299th meeting

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/2005/446, S/2005/447, S/2005/447/Corr.1, S/2005/447/Add.1, S/2005/448 and S/2005/448/Corr.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The delegations of Algeria and the United Republic of Tanzania were selected, by the drawing of lots by the representative of Romania on behalf of the President, to serve as tellers.

After the first and second round of ballots, six candidates received the required absolute majority of votes in the Security Council.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, after the withdrawal of one candidate, six candidates received the required absolute majority of votes in the Security Council on the third and fourth ballots.

Thereafter, the President of the Council read out the text of a letter he had received from the President of the General Assembly, communicating the result of the voting held at the 44th plenary meeting of the General Assembly. After the fifth round of balloting in the Security Council, six candidates received the required absolute majority of votes. After the sixth round of voting, five candidates received the required absolute majority of votes.

Having received the required absolute majority of votes both in the Security Council and in the General Assembly, Mr. Mohamed Bennouna, Mr. Thomas Buergenthal, Mr. Kenneth Keith, Mr. Bernardo Sepúlveda Amor and Mr. Leonid Skotnikov were elected as members of the International Court of Justice for a term of office beginning on 6 February 2006.

General Assembly

Sixtieth session

44th plenary meeting

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice [111 (c)]

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/60/186)

(b) List of candidates (A/60/187 and A/60/187/Corr.1)

(c) Curricula vitae (A/60/188)

The President informed the General Assembly that he had received information about additional submissions from several national groups.

The General Assembly decided to adopt the same procedure as practiced at the 45th plenary meeting of its fifty-fourth session, on 3 November 1999, should more than the required number of candidates obtain an absolute majority of votes on the same ballot.

In the first ballot, six candidates, Mr. Mohamed Bennouna (Morocco), Mr. Thomas Buergenthal (United States of America), Mr. Julio D. Gonzáles Campos (Spain), Mr. Kenneth Keith (New Zealand), Mr. Bernardo Sepúlveda Amor (Mexico) and Mr. Leonid Skotnikov (Russian Federation), obtained an absolute majority of votes.

In accordance with the decision taken at the beginning of the meeting, a new ballot was held so that the necessary number of candidates (5) could obtain an absolute majority.

In the second ballot, six candidates, Mr. Mohamed Bennouna (Morocco), Mr. Thomas Buergenthal (United States of America), Mr. Julio D. Gonzáles Campos (Spain), Mr. Kenneth Keith (New Zealand), Mr. Bernardo Sepúlveda Amor (Mexico) and Mr. Leonid Skotnikov (Russian Federation), obtained an absolute majority of votes.

The President informed the General Assembly that he had received two letters, dated Monday, 7 November 2005, informing that the national groups of Sweden and Tunisia had decided to withdraw the candidature of Mr. Abdelfattah Amor.

The President further informed the General Assembly that, as the national groups of the Sweden and Tunisia were the only national groups that had nominated Mr. Abdelfattah Amor, he was therefore no longer a candidate. His name had therefore been deleted from the ballot paper.

In the third ballot, six candidates, Mr. Mohamed Bennouna (Morocco), Mr. Thomas Buergenthal (United States of America), Mr. Julio D. Gonzáles Campos (Spain), Mr. Kenneth Keith (New Zealand), Mr. Bernardo Sepúlveda Amor (Mexico) and Mr. Leonid Skotnikov (Russian Federation), obtained an absolute majority of votes.

In the fourth ballot, five candidates, Mr. Mohamed Bennouna (Morocco), Mr. Thomas Buergenthal (United States of America), Mr. Kenneth Keith (New Zealand), Mr. Bernardo Sepúlveda Amor (Mexico) and Mr. Leonid Skotnikov (Russian Federation), obtained an absolute majority of votes.

The President read out a letter that he had received from the President of the Security Council communicating the results of the voting held at the 5299th meeting of the Security Council.

Having obtained the required absolute majority of votes in both the General Assembly and the Security Council, Mr. Mohamed Bennouna (Morocco), Mr. Thomas Buergenthal (United States of America), Mr. Kenneth Keith (New Zealand), Mr. Bernardo Sepúlveda Amor (Mexico) and Mr. Leonid Skotnikov (Russian Federation) were elected members of the International Court of Justice for a term of office of nine years beginning on 6 February 2006.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

22nd meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [31]

General debate

The representative of Sri Lanka, in his capacity as Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, introduced the report, as contained in document A/60/380.

The Committee began its general debate with a statement by the observer for Palestine, and heard statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Kuwait, Cuba, Malaysia and India.

Organization of work

The Committee decided that the list of speakers for the item would be closed at 6 p.m. on that day, 7 November. The Committee also decided that action would be taken on draft resolution A/C.4/60/L.7/Rev.1 entitled "Assistance in mine action", at the end of its following meeting, to be held on Tuesday, 8 November.

Third Committee

34th meeting

Human rights questions [71]

(b) Human rights questions including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Human rights questions: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Right of reply

Statements were made in the exercise of the right of reply by the representatives of Canada, Pakistan, Ethiopia, the United States, Cyprus, Greece, Armenia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nepal, Côte d'Ivoire, Azerbaijan and Palestine.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [69]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Right of peoples to self-determination [70]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the agenda items.

The Deputy-Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement.

The Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance made a presentation and engaged in a dialogue with the delegations of the following countries: China, Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Republic of Korea, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union), Japan and Egypt.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom (on behalf of the European Union), Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), China, Pakistan and Egypt.

Organization of work

The Secretary made a statement.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Monday, 7 November 2005

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

30th meeting

The thirty-fifth session of the Committee was declared opened by Ms. María Francisca Ize-Charrin, Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Adoption of the agenda . . . . . [1]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda, as contained in document E/C.12/2005/3.

Organization of work . . . . . [2]

The Committee discussed and adopted its programme of work (E/C.12/2005/L.2).

31st meeting

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights . . . . . [3]

The Committee heard oral submissions from non-governmental organizations with respect to the reports scheduled for consideration at the current session.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: United States of America (3 November 2005)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: United States of America (3 November 2005)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: United States of America (3 November 2005)[1]

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Ratification: Barbados (3 November 2005)[1]

Ratification: Samoa (3 November 2005)[1]

Ratification: Islamic Republic of Iran (6 November 2005)[1]

Ratification: Ireland (7 November 2005)[1]

Ratification: Namibia (7 November 2005)[1]

Ratification: United Arab Emirates (7 November 2005)[1]

OLA/UNITAR Seminar on the Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

United Nations Headquarters
(9-10 November 2005)

The seminar, sponsored by the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat (OLA) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will take place on 9 and 10 November 2005 at United Nations Headquarters.

The objective of the two-day seminar is to provide an overview of the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties. The seminar is designed essentially to meet the needs of members of the Permanent Missions and representatives from capitals, and other personnel, in particular, legal counsellors and advisors, dealing with matters of treaty law, or specifically involved with the preparation of treaty actions with regard to multilateral treaties and with the registration of treaties pursuant to Article 102 of the United Nations Charter. Assistance and guidance will also be provided on the domestic aspects of participation in multilateral treaties.

The seminar is based on the Treaty Handbook, which was developed and published by the Treaty Section of OLA. The Treaty Handbook is a practical guide to the depositary practice of the Secretary-General and the registration requirements of the Secretariat. It is designated to serve as a tool for Member States, secretariats of international organizations and legal practitioners.

For more information about the seminar, please contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Information Notes and Nomination Forms will be transmitted to the Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations in New York by UNITAR shortly.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

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DPI/NGO briefing on "Women, peace and security: Participation, protection and prevention"

Thursday, 10 November 2005, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sasa Gorisek, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859, e-mail gorisek@un.org).]

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2005* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Nigeria
H.E. Mr. Aminu Bashir Wali

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. Mr. Rezlan Ishar Jenie

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Andrzej Towpik

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Bahamas
H.E. Ms. Paulette A. Bethel

Western European and other States:
Belgium
H.E. Mr. Johan C. Verbeke

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 7 November 2005.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixtieth session
A/60/7/Add.7	Items 123 and 124 — Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund — Eighth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/60/7/Add.8	Item 124 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2006 — Ninth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/60/187/Add.1-S/2005/447/Add.1	Item 111 (c) — Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five members of the International Court of Justice — List of candidates nominated by national groups — Note by the Secretary-General — Withdrawal of a candidate nominated by national groups [A C E F R S]
A/60/450	Items 121, 124, 134, 135 and 136 — Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Liabilities and proposed funding for after-service health benefits — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/60/515	Item 79 — Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-eighth session — Report of the Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]
	First Committee
A/C.1/60/5	Item 97 — General and complete disarmament — Letter dated 28 October 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

A/C.2/60/L.9/Rev.1 Item 73 (b) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions — 84-Power revised draft resolution — Humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation for El Salvador and Guatemala [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/60/L.11* Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/60/L.17 Item 54 (b) — Globalization and interdependence: science and technology for development — One-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/60/L.31 Item 71 (b) — Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 27-Power draft resolution — Globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/60/L.32 Item 71 (b) — Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — 34-Power draft resolution — Establishment of a United Nations human rights training and documentation centre for South-West Asia and the Arab region [A C E F R S]

Sixth Committee

A/C.6/60/L.15 Item 153 — Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country — 5-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

Security Council **Documents**

S/2005/95/Add.2 Letter dated 26 October 2005 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

A/60/187/Add.1-S/2005/447/Add.1
List of candidates nominated by national groups — Note by the Secretary-General — Withdrawal of a candidate nominated by national groups [A C E F R S]

S/2005/671 Letter dated 17 October 2005 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2005/690 Letter dated 31 October 2005 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

S/AC.44/2004/(02)/17/Add.1/Corr.1
Letter dated 22 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Documents

CEDAW/C/LTU/3 Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Third periodic report of States parties — Lithuania [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/IC/2005/59 Information circular — Host county travel regulations [E F (only)]

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